City Insight

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Dear Residents,

Killeen's future keeps getting brighter! City Council has committed to some very important infrastructure,

public safety and quality of life projects that will positively impact Killeen for generations.

In addition to the many highway and local road projects that are under construction, Council has agreed to allocate funding to improve Trimmier Road from US 190 to Elms Road. Construction could begin as early as this fall and will add a continuous center turn lane and sidewalks to relieve congestion and improve mobility on this busy stretch of road.

Killeen has entered a regional partnership for the construction of a new water treatment plant to be located on Stillhouse Lake. The plant will add 10 million gallons per day to our treated water capacity extending our water supply for two decades.

As Killeen continues to grow, the need for a fire station has

emerged in the southwestern area of our city. City Council has approved design and construction of Fire Station #9 on Bunny Trail. Construction is expected to begin this fall and last approximately 13 months.

Parks are an integral part of quality of life, and Council has pledged \$4.6 million to improving current parks, renovating facilities like the Community Center and pursuing opportunities for new hike and bike trails and regional parks.

One of the projects I think is most important to our community is the establishment of a homeless shelter. Council has allocated the final \$250,000 needed to complete renovations and open the shelter Downtown. The establishment of this shelter will ensure that our residents who are most in need will have refuge from the freezing cold and sweltering heat and will have access to resources to improve their lives.

Dan Corbin, Mayor

CITY ELECTION

Election Day is May 10

Voting at **Precinct Polling Locations** 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early Voting

Killeen City Hall, Killeen Community Center & Lions Park Recreation Center

> April 28 - May 2 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 5 & 6 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Visit

www.killeentexas.gov/election

For voting information for May 10 municipal election

Killeen will enter
Stage 1-voluntary
water conservation
May 1. Please do
your part by taking
daily steps to prevent the
wasting of water. Repair
leaks, don't let water run and

DOWNTOWN IS NEW AGAIN

The Downtown Streetscaping Project is complete, and the results are fantastic!

The area from 4th Street to 8th Street and Avenue B to Avenue D has been under construction for more than a year, and the wait was well worth it.

The roads are smoothly paved and feature new crosswalks, stop signs and lighting. New landscaping and plazas add to the charm of this historic area. On street parking is striped and open, and



reconstructed sidewalks make it easy to access Downtown businesses.

reuse water when possible.

The Andy K. Wells Hike & Bike Trail extension is also complete and now stretches from 38th Street to Downtown.

Downtown is buzzing with the energy of new businesses and longtime favorites. We invite you to visit Downtown Killeen to see the new look and new beginning.

DO YOU LIKE US?

If you're not one of our 3,000 Facebook fans, you're missing out! Like us today at facebook.com/KilleenTexas, and you'll be the first to know about all of the spring and summer city programs and events.

We're also here to help. You can post questions and get answers to all your city questions 24 hours a day!

The page just celebrated its second birthday and is the best way to stay up to date on the city's breaking news, road closures, events, videos, photos and much more.

Let us keep you in the loop this season and all year long. Log on

to Facebook and like us today!

City offices will be closed Friday, April 18 in observance of Good Friday.

KILLEEN UP! AT THE TEXAS TRASH-OFF

Keep Killeen Beautiful is organizing the local Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off Saturday, April 12, and they need your help to Killeen Up! our city.

Volunteers will meet at 8 am at the Killeen Community Center, 2201 E. Veterans Memorial Boulevard, before spreading out in groups to remove litter from roadsides, parks and public spaces. After the Trash-Off, volunteers will gather back at the Center for lunch and prizes.

Last year, 566 volunteers in Killeen collected more than 8,500 pounds of trash to help Keep Texas Beautiful. The Trash-Off is the single largest one-day

clean up event in Texas with cities across the state participating.

Join hundreds of others in our community by volunteering your family, club or group to participate.

For more information or to sign up, contact Volunteer Services at 501-7878.





Reminder: Road construction is underway all over town. Be on the lookout for construction signs, speed changes, equipment, construction crews and detours. Projects change daily, so use caution.

SPECIAL SATURDAY CURBSIDE TRASH COLLECTIONS

Take advantage of a special offer to get a jump on your spring cleaning. The city is offering free Saturday curbside collection of bulky trash items on designated days in the month of April.

Items such as furniture, appliances and boxes will be picked up at your curb in addition to your regular weekly pickup. There is no charge for 3 cubic yards, but there will be a \$7 charge per additional cubic foot.

The first eight car and truck tires up to 22 inches will be picked up for no charge. A fee of \$2 per tire will apply to additional tires. Large truck and tractor tires will not be collected.

Brush piles up to 4 ft. by 4 ft. by 12 ft. will be picked up at no charge. Each cubic yard over will

be charged a \$7 fee.

Demolition material will be accepted this year. Piles up to 4 ft. by 4 ft. by 12 ft. will be picked up at no charge. Additional cubic yards will be charged \$7 each.

The city will <u>not</u> pick up household hazardous waste materials like pesticides, paint, oil, chemicals or batteries. A full list is available on the City website. Also not accepted are rocks, dirt, deceased animals or liquid waste.

For questions about this special collection, please call Solid Waste at 501-7785.

Let's all do our part to Killeen Up! in April!

Killeen Up!

COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

Regular trash day Special collection Monday April 5

Regular trash day Special collection

Tuesday April 12

Regular trash day Special collection

Thursday April 19

Regular trash day Special collection Friday April 26

All trash should be placed curbside no earlier than 6 pm the Friday before and 7 am the Saturday of your scheduled special collection.

CELEBRATE KILLEEN FESTIVAL APRIL 24 - 26

Enjoy free family fun and celebrate our community at the annual Celebrate Killeen Festival April 24 through 26!

This year's event kicks off Thursday evening in Downtown. Join in the celebration of the completed streetscaping project with food and entertainment.

On Friday, the fun moves to the Killeen Community Center Amphitheater with a free evening concert. "Rock 'n Soul" performers, The GTOs, will get you in the

groove with the hit songs you know and love.

Saturday begins at 8 am with the Celebrate Hornsby 5K Run, part of the CenTex Race Series.

Activities throughout the day



Saturday include a softball tournament, BBQ cook-off, car show, step competition, cultural performances and a kids' fun zone with bouncies, a petting zoo and more free fun.

Saturday winds down with a movie in the park showing of *Monsters University* beginning at dusk on the amphitheater lawn.

You won't want to miss the Celebrate Killeen Festival! For a full schedule of activities, go to killeentexas.gov/celebratekilleen.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Grab your baskets...the city's Easter Eggstravaganza is April 19

at the Killeen Athletic Complex!

The annual egg hunt will be a bit different this year because all participants must register. Pre registration is April 14 through

17 at the Community Center or Recreation Center. Event day registration begins at 11 am.

The egg hunt for children ages zero to three will begin at noon, ages four and five will begin at 1

pm, and ages six and seven will begin at 2 pm.

Kids are invited to enjoy free games, bouncies and pictures with the Easter Bunny from 11 am to 2:30 pm. Kids ages eight through twelve can participate in the

new flashlight egg hunt at 8 pm. Registration opens April 14 and is limited to 250 kids. The cost is \$5.

For more information contact Parks & Recreation at 501-8889.

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CODE GREEN

As Spring approaches and we begin working in our homes and yards, the City of Killeen extends a reminder about yard maintenance.

Mow your grass. Grass and weeds will soon begin sprouting up in your yard, and city ordinance says that growth may not exceed 12 inches in height.

The homeowner or tenant is responsible for maintaining the

property from street curbs to the back of the property. He or she is also responsible for maintenance of any alley or right-of-way adjacent to the property.

To report a violation or for more information on this or other city codes, contact Code Enforcement at 501-7608.

We all have a part in making Killeen a better, more beautiful place to live.



City building inspections, code enforcement and permit services have moved to 100 E. Avenue C.

SUMMER FUN AT LIONS CLUB PARK

Why leave town when all the fun is right here? The Family Aquatics Center at Lions Club Park opens for the summer season Memorial Day Weekend!

Killeen's wildly popular water

park is the only one of its kind in the area. Three pools, four slides and a climbing wall offer exciting activities for swimmers of all ages.

Little ones can splash at

the zero-entry beach featuring spray grounds and a water playscape. Big kids can spread out in the waterscape for games, sports and thrill rides on the giant plunge slides. The lap pool with six swim lanes and two diving boards is perfect for exercise.

The covered pavilions, shaded lounge areas and park concessions are just what you need

when you are ready to relax.

The water park is located in Lions Club Park at 1800 Stan Schlueter Loop. It offers day, season, and family passes and is available for

special and private events including parties, reunions, and more.

Get ready for a summer of fun at Lions Club Park!

www.killeentexas.gov/aquatics

Family Aquatics Center

Summer Season

May 24 - September 14

Daily Hours

Mon-Fri 11 am-6:30 pm Sat 10 am-6:30 pm Sun 1-6:30 pm

Daily Rates

Resident

3 & under	Free
4-16	\$5
17-54	\$7
55 & over	\$5

Non-resident

3 & under	Free
4-16	\$5
17-54	\$8
55 & over	\$5

Party Rentals Available

Call 501-6538 for details

LEMONADE DAY IS MAY 4TH

Lemonade Day is coming to the greater Killeen area Sunday, May 4. This nationwide event teaches kids skills they will need to be successful adults through a unique, experiential learning opportunity combining academics and life skills to teach the lessons of entrepreneurship.

Participants learn to set goals, develop business plans, establish budgets, seek investors, provide customer service and ultimately give back to the community. Lemonade Day is the perfect opportunity to show kids we care and to train the next generation of entrepreneurs through a free, fun and engaging activity.

Parents, teachers, family and friends are encouraged to partner up with a future entrepreneur as a caring adult and watch the sparks of creativity fly. The first step is to register. Next, kids

will pick up a backpack filled with supplies to assist in their first business venture.

The City of Killeen, Killeen ISD and title sponsors First National Bank Texas and Fort Hood National Bank are proud to bring Lemonade Day 2014 to our area for the fourth time.



We each have a role in making this a successful event whether as participants, mentors, or customers, so visit forthood.lemonadeday.org today to find out more about this great community project.

SPRAY & PLAY

The Junior Service League of Killeen Spray Pad at Long Branch Park is open for the season!



